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SUBJECT: PSI PRE-CONGRESS IN PALERMO

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1. ON FEBRUARY 1, THE SICILIAN PSI WILL ELECT ITS DELEGATES TO THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS.
 2. DURING JANUARY, THE PSI HELD SECTIONAL PRE-CONGRESSES, THE COMPLETE REGION-WIDE RESULTS OF WHICH ARE STILL UNKNOWN. AS REPORTED EARLIER (PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL) THE ONLY PSI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS IN SICILY WAS HELD IN THE PROVINCE OF PALERMO LAST WEEK, PREPARATORY TO ELECTING A NEW PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AFTER THE NATIONAL PSI CONGRESS IS OVER.
 3. THE RESULTS OF THE PALERMO PSI PROVINCIAL CONGRESS WERE AS FOLLOWS: DE MARTINO FACTION OF THE SALADINO BRANCH 32 DELEGATES OR 43.81%
DE MARTINO FACTION OF THE LAURICELLA BRANCH, 21 DELEGATES OR 29.18%
LOMBARDI FACTION, 10 DELEGATES OR 13.98%
MANCINI FACTION, 7 DELEGATES OR 9.81%
MARIANI FACTION, 2 DELEGATES.
 4. COMMENT: THERE IS A SPLIT WITHIN THE PALERMO DEMARTINIANO RANKS BETWEEN EX-MINISTER SALVATORE LAURICELLA AND VICE REGIONAL PRESIDENT GASPARE SALADINO
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WHO IS CHALLENGING LAURICELLA'S TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

OVER THE DEMARTINIANO FACTION IN SICILY BUT WHOSE INFLUENCE
HAS SO FAR BEEN CONTAINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PALERMO
PROVINCE. REMARKABLE WAS THE SUCCES OF THE SINISTRA
WHICH DISPLACED THE MANCINIANI AS THE NUMBER THREE FACTION.
FROM NOW ON A DIVIDED DIMARTINIANO FACTION WILL HAVE
TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE MINORITIES. CHIAVARINI

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